ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

EXPENSES

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1840.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor make the following report to the inhabitants of the town of Westford, concerning the maintenance and support of the poor, as follows, to wit:

The amount of personal property on hand at Poor house on the 8th day of Feb., 1840, as by the appraisal, amounted to the sum of.....		$983 00
	Dr.	Cr.
The whole amount of money paid out on account of the poor, including stock, clothing, Master's compensation, Overseer's services, and other expenses relative to the support of the poor in and out of Poor house, from March 1, 1839, to Feb. 8, 1840, is.....	$1,264 93	
Paid Josiah Webber for repairs on the Poor-house.....	91 67	
Interest on the value of the Poor Farm.....	300 00	
Outstanding claims unordered, estimated at..	486 86	
The amount of property, by appraisal, less this year than last, is.....	62 96	
And amounts to the sum of.....	$2,206 42	
Cash received, produce sold from the farm, and work done for individuals by the master, is.....		$131 16
Betterments on the farm, including repairs, farming utensils, and household furniture,		237 67
Cash paid for claims due previous to March 1, 1839.....		431 08
Due on Elihu Read's pension to Feb. 8, 1840,		35 00
Stock appraised in 1839, $485.00.		
Stock appraised in 1840, $336.00.		
Difference.....		149 00
And amounts to the sum of.....		$ 983 91
Which sum being deducted from $2,206.42, leaves the sum of.....		1,222 51
as the expense of the poor, from March 1, 1839, to Feb. 8, 1840.		
If from the above sum of $1,222.51 the interest on the value of the farm be deducted, which has never been before included, and the expense of the poor from March 1, 1839 to Feb. 8, 1840, is.....		$922 51

The number of persons assisted in and out of the Poorhouse, between the 1st day of March, 1839, and the 8th day of Feb., 1840, is 55.

All which is submitted by

JOHN W. P. ABBOT,
SAMUEL FLETCHER,
HENRY A. PRESCOTT,
Overseers of the Poor.

Westford, Feb. 8, 1840.

POOR HOUSE.

1839.			
March 9.	§Isaac Day, for coffins and digging graves	$ 7	17
	§Avery Prescott, for a box		08
April 1.	‖Joel Parker, services as master	250	00
June 8.	W. & J. Fletcher, for beef	15	50
	Abram Prescott, for bacon and pork	47	50
	Abram Prescott, for wool	4	25
June 21.	Samuel Fletcher for sundries	91	43
	Oliver Woodward, for grain	33	79
July 9.	Samuel Fletcher, for pork and flour	34	54
	Samuel Fletcher, for articles delivered Joel Parker	4	26
July 16.	Josiah Webber, for repairing Poor house	91	67
Aug. 31.	John Davis, for 2 pigs	8	50
Sept. 25.	P. B. Prescott, 2 cart bodies and 1 pair wheels, balance due	15	54
	A. N. Chandler, 35 days' work haying	35	00
	Thomas Richardson, for grain	27	10
Oct. 18.	Oliver Woodward, for grain	12	20
	Joseph Hildreth, for leather and tools	6	68
	Simeon Pope, woodwork for cultivator	2	45
	George Read, for work on the farm	26	25
	§T. & B. F. Keyes, for sundries	7	92
	J. W. P. Abbot, for going to Tyngsboro', and expenses	2	50
	Samuel Fletcher, 2 barrels of pork, flour, stove and funnel, and sundries	88	09
	H. A. Prescott, for going to Acton, and time spent in hiring farmer	6	00
	§Abel Fletcher, balance for pasturing cattle		42
	Abel Fletcher, for barley	7	50
Oct. 28.	Athiel Fletcher, balance due on settlement	25	16
	J. B. Fletcher, for sheeting and bed ticking	9	23
	Amount carried forward	$860	73

	Amount brought forward.....	$860 73
Nov. 23.	Samuel Fletcher, for bringing back N. Pierce and hiring farmer.....	4 75
	§Jonathan Prescott, for sundries.....	3 95
	Othiel Fletcher, master 6½ months.....	135 41
Dec. 21.	N. S. Hamblin, for beef.....	25 02
Dec. 24.	§Joel P. Green, for work in 1837 and 1838.....	2 57
	Samuel Fletcher, for beef.....	32 70
1840.		
Feb. 8.	J. W. P. Abbott, overseer of the poor.....	5 00
	Samuel Fletcher, overseer of the poor.....	5 00
	Henry A. Prescott, overseer of the poor.....	5 00
	Samuel Fletcher, for plaster and sundries	97 68
Feb. 12.	Benjamin Osgood, for visits and medicines....	41 69
	Timothy P. Wright, for irons for cultivator and cart, etc.....	25 25
	Timothy P. Wright, shoeing, etc	12 46
Feb. 15.	Isaac Day, for digging a grave.....	1 50
	Avery Prescott, for 2 coffins.....	5 00
	Theodore Wells, for visits and medicines.....	2 33
		$1,266 04

POOR OUT OF THE POOR HOUSE.

1839.		
April 27.	§City of Boston, for N. Pierce and H. Pushee,	$92 98
	Ephraim Buttrick, for cost on the above.....	10 00
	§Timothy Smith, for carrying Betsey Boynton to Poor house.....	1 50
	Abram Knowlton, for J. Wright, Jr.'s wife....	6 00
	James H. Tileston, for taking care of Benjamin Wilkinson	7 00
May 9.	Lewis Bruce, for J. R. Green.....	4 75
May 23.	H. A. Prescott, for provisions for J. R. Green,	6 11
June 8.	§State Lunatic Hospital, for Betsey Hildreth..	78 69
	B. F. Keyes, for going to Boston and Worcester, and expenses.....	15 88
	§City of Boston, for H. Turn, alias Dutton....	2 63
	M. A. Hildreth, for wood for J. R. Green.....	3 50
	L. Bruce, for house rent for J. R. Green.....	3 33
June 21.	Oliver Woodard, for grain for J. R. Green ...	2 41
July 9.	Samuel Fletcher, for sundries for J. R. Green,	13 75
July 30.	Lewis Bruce, for house rent for J. R. Green...	6 92
Sept. 2.	‖City of Boston, for N. Pierce.....	33 93
Sept. 25.	Thomas Richardson, for grain for J. R. Green,	2 55
Oct. 18.	Asa Prescott, for Eli F. Green and sister.....	3 50
	Amount carried forward.....	$295 43

	Amount brought forward.....	$295 43
	Oliver Woodard, for meal for J. R. Green.....	2 35
	Samuel Fletcher, for sundries for J. R. Green..	12 23
Nov. 23.	Ira Leland, for Eli F. Green, 6 months' board..	13 00
	Eunice Prescott, for B. F. Prescott.....	5 00
Nov. 26.	William Chandler, for sundries for Patty Dutton,	16 79
1840.		
Feb. 8.	‖City of Boston, for various paupers.....	16 25
	J. W. P. Abbot, for services on account of Mrs. Coburn.....	4 98
	H. A. Prescott, for services on account of Mrs. Coburn.....	3 50
	Samuel Fletcher, for cambric for C. Johnson...	1 40
Feb. 12.	B. F. Keyes, for going to Chelmsford on ac-s count of Mrs. Coburn	1 25
	Benjamin Osgood, for visits and medicine for Mrs. Coburn, Joel Spaulding, and a son of Mrs. Brooks.....	10 89
Feb. 15.	Jonathan Keyes, for assistance in removing Mr. Coburn.....	3 00
	Thaddeus Blodgett, for carrying J. E. Bannister to the Poor house.....	75
	Samuel Farwell, for board of M J. Green, 12 weeks, 5 days.....	3 18
	William Chandler, for supplies for Polly Dutton,	12 07
	Ira Leland, for Eli F. Green to Feb. 8.....	5 71
		$407 78

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1839.		
March 9.	§Samuel Fletcher, for powder.....	$ 32
	§Reuben Leighton, for work.....	10 00
	§P. G. Prescott, for damage on plain road.....	3 00
April 27.	§Reubon Wright, for work on Makepeace road,	12 56
July 9.	H. A. Prescott, for work on the Littleton and Lowell road...	25 96
Oct. 18.	§Abijah Fletcher, for work and plank.....	2 95
	Chamberlin & Lawrence, for blacksmithing ...	2 41
	Luther Prescott, for timber for B. B. Bridge...	7 57
	T. & B. F. Keyes, for powder	8 07
	J. W. P. Abbot, for services about roads.....	4 55
	Luther Prescott, for making 143½ rods of new road	416 15
	Samuel Fletcher, for spikes for bridges	62
Nov. 23.	N. S. Hamblin, for work on B. B. bridge.....	5 92
	H. E. Woodard, for a stick of timber.....	84
	Amount carried forward.....	$500 92

Amount brouught forward		$500 92
	Samuel Fletcher, for work on B. B. bridge, and services as committee	16 50
	Rosel Read, work and putting up railings	18 95
	Solomon Gilson, for work	8 88
	Timothy Smith, for work	10 95
	Daniel Flagg, for work	5 74
	John Leighton, Jr., for work	25 69
	N. S. Hamblin, making 93 rods new road	13 95
	Thomas Richardson, for work on the roads	15 82
	Ira Leland	3 75
	Reuben Foster	4 50
1840.		
Feb. 8.	Thomas Richardson, for work on Sand hill	5 00
Feb. 12.	Daniel Flagg, for breaking out roads	19 74
	S. N. Burbeck, for breaking out roads	14 37
	S. N. Burbeck, work on the road, as by order	5 27
Feb. 15.	Ephraim Abbot, for surveying two roads	2 00
	A. Foster, adm'x of R. Foster's estate.	4 00
	Joseph Trowbridge's heirs, damages for a road laid out	20 00
	Asia Hamblin, for work on B. B. bridge	1 00
	Abijah Fletcher, for plank	1 25
	Abijah Fletcher, for breaking out roads	14 87
	Zacheus Read, Jr., for breaking out roads	12 25
	Timothy Smith, for breaking out roads	9 50
	Joseph F. Bancroft, for damage for a private way laid out	12 00
	W. H. Blake, for breaking out roads	7 48
	Jacob A. Wright, for powder	80
	Rosel Read, for breaking out roads	11 01
	Josiah Vose, for breaking out roads	6 00
	Josiah Vose, one day's work on the road	1 00
	Solomon Gilson, for breaking out roads	14 74
	Ira Leland, for breaking out roads	6 00
		$793 94

INTEREST PAID ON NOTES.

1839.		
April 27.	Sarah Richardson, to April 9, 1839.	$ 6 00
June 8.	Parazina Heyden, to April 28, 1839	8 22
	Isaac Day, on A. Day's notes, Dec. 23	13 47
	Jonathan F. Parker, May 14	3 60
Sept. 2.	H. A. Prescott, Aug. 3	3 60
Oct. 18.	Joseph Fletcher, April 19	12 00
	Joseph Fletcher, on A. Fletcher's note, Nov. 16,	12 00
	Amount carried forward	$58 89

	Amount brought forward.....	$58 89
Nov. 23.	E. C. Kneeland, Oct. 13.....	6 00
	John Abbot, Oct. 17.....	6 00
	Jonathan Prescott, Sept. 1.....	12 00
	Henry Fletcher, Aug. 13.....	6 00
	Jonathan F. Parker, Nov. 12.....	3 60
	Abel Hildreth, Nov. 12.....	9 00
	Lucy W. Davis.....	12 00
	John Hildreth, on two notes, 1 year each.....	6 00
1840.		
Feb. 8.	H. A. Prescott, to Jan. 20, 1840.....	6 00
Feb. 15.	Daniel Wetherbee, Feb. 9.....	6 00
	Ezra Carter, Jan. 13.....	5 40
		$136 89

TOWN OFFICERS.

1839.		
Oct. 18.	J. W. P. Abbott, taking invoice and making taxes.....	$17 00
	Henry A. Prescott.....	10 17
	Samuel Fletcher.....	16 00
1840.		
Feb. 8.	J. W. P. Abbott, services as town clerk.....	12 00
	J. W. P. Abbott, services as selectman.....	5 00
	Samuel Fletcher, services as selectman.....	5 00
	Henry A. Prescott, services as selectman....	5 00
Feb. 15.	Amos Heywood, town treasurer and receiver,	24 00
		$94 17

POOR HOUSE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

1839.		
March 9.	§Samuel Fletcher, for sundries.....	$ 3 71
	§T. P. Wright, for iron work.....	5 88
March 27.	§Samuel H. Nichols, committee and sundries,	24 95
		$34 54

EAST BURYING GROUND.

1839.		
April 6.	N. S. Hamblin, for building wall.....	$70 80
April 27.	N. S. Hamblin, for setting stone posts, and finding the same.....	19 20
July 12.	B. F. Keyes, for building fence and painting the same.....	42 42
Oct. 18.	Chamberlin & Lawrence, for iron, etc.....	3 81
	Levi Snow, for labor	3 00
	J. W. P. Abbott, services as committee.....	5 00
		$144 23

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

March 9.	§Joel Adams, for 1838	$ 45
	§Ira Bicknell, highway tax for 1837	40
Oct. 18.	§Ebenezer Prescott, error in 1834	47
Nov. 23.	§Amos Hildreth, 2d, highway tax	31
	Ebenezer Prescott, poll tax as by vote, 1839,	1 50
	Asia Hamblin, poll tax as by vote, 1839	1 50
	§E. Hutchins, Jr., collector for 1837–8	50 98
	§E. Hutchins, Jr., collector for overcast of taxes in 1838	9 62
	§N. S. Hamblin, highway tax, 1838	21
1840.		
Feb. 15.	Lemuel Bicknell, poll tax	1 50
	H. P. Herrick, highway tax	1 01
	Abijah Hildreth, poll tax	1 50
	Lysander Heywood, poll tax	1 50
	Estate of Addison Parker	6 13
	Z. Read, Jr., highway tax	10
	Josiah Vose, Jr., abatement in part	1 48
	Widow Martha Parker, in part for over taxing,	2 49
		$81 15

SCHOOLS.

1839.		
March 9.	§Luther Wilson, committee	$11 75
Oct. 18.	H. A. Prescott, committee	6 50
1840.		
Feb. 8.	H. A. Prescott, committee	6 00
Feb. 15.	E. Abbott, committee	14 50
		$38 75

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

March 9.	§Isaac Day, for gates for west burying ground	$ 1 67
	§Avery Prescott, sundries	2 47
	§E. Hutchins, Jr., for collecting taxes in 1838,	36 00
	§Samuel Fletcher	1 00
	D. W. Hemingway, for entertainment	10 25
June 21.	John Stacy, for binding old town records	6 75
July 9.	Samuel Fletcher, for stationery, etc.	5 60
Sept. 2.	Ephraim Wright, for attending 3 funerals	2 70
Sept. 25.	L. Huntress, for printing and advertising	1 00
Oct. 18.	Abijah Watson, for printing tax bills	3 50
	J. W. P. Abbott, for postage, etc.	3 65
	H. A. Prescott, getting school fund interest,	50
Nov. 23.	Samuel Fletcher, attending suit Boston vs. Westford	3 00
	§Asia Hamlin, collecting, N. E. school district tax, 1835	5 45
	Amount carried forward	$83 54

	Amount brought forward.....	$83 54
1840.		
Feb. 8.	Samuel Fletcher, postage and stationery.....	1 02
Feb. 12.	First Parish, for use of meetinghouse.....	10 00
Feb. 15.	Ira Leland, for attending 23 funerals, etc....	20 93
		$115 39

RECAPITULATION.

Poor House.....	$1,266 04
Out of Poor House.....	407 78
Roads and Bridges.....	793 94
Interest..	136 89
Town Officers.....	94 17
P. H. B. Committee	34 45
E. B. Ground.....	144 23
Abatement of Taxes....	81 15
Schools	38 75
Incidental Expenses.....	115 39
	$3,112 88

§Was due before March 3d, 1839.
||Was due before March 3d, 1839, excepting a small part.

J. W. P. ABBOTT,
SAMUEL FLETCHER,
HENRY A. PRESCOTT,
Selectmen of Westford.

Westford, Feb. 15, 1840.

TREASURER'S OFFICE, Feb. 17, 1840.

The Committee chosen to reckon with Amos Heywood, Treasurer for the years 1839 and 1840, make the following Report:

The said Treasurer has received of Eliakim Hutchins, Jr., collector of taxes, the balance due in the hands of the Treasurer, at the last settlement, taxes paid to the Treasurer before Dec. 1st, 1839, and all other sources, the sum of.....		$5,149 66
And has paid out, excepting the several sums paid on account of schools, the sum of..	$4,478 90	
On account of schools	297 89	
Amounting to.....		4,776 79
Leaving a balance due the town.....		$372 87
There is now due from E. Hutchins, Jr., collector for 1839.....		981 02
From the State, on account of the school fund.....		50 00
Amounting to.....		$1,403 89
Your Committee further report that the town is indebted to various persons, on notes including interest.....	$3,746 30	
Due the several school districts.....	552 88	
Outstanding orders in 1838.....	310 00	
Outstanding orders in 1839.....	407 06	
Outstanding claims for 1839, estimated at...	300 00	
And amounting to.....	$5,316 24	
Leaving a balance against the town of.....		$3,912 35

JONAS PRESCOTT,
THADDEUS BLODGET,
Committee.

AMOS HEYWOOD, *Treasurer.*